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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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It is respectfully requested that the listed documents:

- (1) be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application;
- (2) be made of record therein; and
- (3) appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The following marked paragraphs are applicable in this IDS:

**Timing of this IDS:**

- ☒ A. This IDS is being filed per 37 CFR 1.97(b)
- ☐ (1): within 3 months of the U.S. filing date other than a CPA under 1.53(d);
  - ☐ (2): within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 1.491 in an international application;
  - ☐ (3): before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; **OR**
  - ☒ (4): before the mailing date of a first Office Action associated with a request for continued examination (RCE) under 1.114;

**AND**, thus, no certification or fee is required.

**Legible Copies of Listed References:**

- ☒ D. In addition to the attached listing, accompanying this IDS is a legible copy of each listed:
- (1) foreign patent document;
  - (2) pending unpublished U.S. application **OR** that portion of the application that caused it to be listed including any claims directed to that portion; **AND**
  - (3) non-patent document or that portion thereof that caused it to be listed;
  - (4) other information or that portion that caused it to be listed.

Related U.S. Application(s):

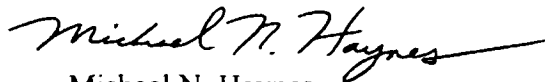
- ☒ L. This application is one of a series of related applications, namely, U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/867,582, now Patent 6,996,560; 09/867,800, now Patent 6,895,405; 09/867,801, now Patent 6,928,434; 09/867,802, now Patent 6,745,184; and 09/867,804, now abandoned, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the documents cited therein during the examination.

CONCLUSION

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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